

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
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48. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 45,  
wherein the electrically conducting filler has an average particle size of from 1 to 10  
 $\mu\text{m}$ .

49. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 45,  
wherein the electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the  
binder content is from 5 to 50 mass %.

50. (amended) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 45, which  
contains an organic solvent.

54. (amended) The electrically conducting carbon paste for solid electrolytic  
capacitors as claimed in claim 51, wherein the conducting material accounts for 30-99  
mass% and the binder accounts for 1-70 mass% of the entire solid content of the  
conducting carbon paste.

**Please add the following new claims.**

55. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 47, wherein the  
electrically conducting filler has an average particle size of from 1 to 10  $\mu\text{m}$ .

56. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 47, wherein the  
electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is  
from 5 to 50 mass %.

57. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 48, wherein the  
electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is  
from 5 to 50 mass %.

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58. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 55, wherein the electrically conducting filler content is from 50 to 95 mass % and the binder content is from 5 to 50 mass %.

59. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 46, which contains an organic solvent.

60. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 47, which contains an organic solvent.

61. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 48, which contains an organic solvent.

62. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 49, which contains an organic solvent.

63. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 55, which contains an organic solvent.

64. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 56, which contains an organic solvent.

65. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 57, which contains an organic solvent.

66. (new) The electrically conducting paste as claimed in claim 58, which contains an organic solvent.

67. (new) The electrically conducting carbon paste for solid electrolytic capacitors as claimed in claim 52, wherein the conducting material accounts for 30-99 mass% and the binder accounts for 1-70 mass% of the entire solid content of the conducting carbon paste.

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68. (new) The electrically conducting carbon paste for solid electrolytic capacitors as claimed in claim 53, wherein the conducting material accounts for 30-99 mass% and the binder accounts for 1-70 mass% of the entire solid content of the conducting carbon paste.

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